

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING DR. MICHAEL DEBAKEY

HON. KEN BENTSEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mr. BENTSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Dr. Michael DeBakey on the occasion of the dedication of the Methodist DeBakey Heart Center. For 50 years, Methodist has been the home of internationally acclaimed heart surgeon Dr. Michael DeBakey, thereby attaining worldwide recognition for its state-of-the-art cardiovascular care. Dr. DeBakey has been a pioneer of modern medicine, and has helped raise the standard of health care for all mankind. His list of accomplishments, from his innovations in open-heart surgery to his recent pioneering work in the field of telemedicine, is a catalog of many of the greatest accomplishments in the history of medicine.

Dr. DeBakey serves as Chancellor Emeritus of Baylor College of Medicine, and is internationally recognized as the most famous heart surgeon in the world and a living legend. He is a senior attending surgeon at the Methodist Hospital, the largest hospital in the Texas Medical Center in my District. This prolific surgeon and humanitarian has performed more than 60,000 cardiovascular procedures and has trained thousands of surgeons who practice around the world. Dr. DeBakey's name is affixed to a number of organizations, centers for learning, and projects devoted to medical education and health education for the general public. It is an honor to the Heart Center that the institution being dedicated on this occasion bears his name.

The Methodist DeBakey Heart Center is a leader in the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and research of heart disease. The Center has attracted world-renowned physicians who are continuing the ground-breaking work of Dr. DeBakey and his associates, who developed many of the life-saving techniques at the Methodist Hospital. Annually, the Center performs more than 6,000 cardiac catheterizations, 2,500 angioplasties, 1,300 open heart surgeries, and has performed more than 425 heart transplants in the last 10 years. The Center is a joint effort between the Methodist Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine, which share the common goal of improving quality of life and satisfaction among heart patients.

While Dr. DeBakey's life-saving inventions and trailblazing techniques have awed the medical community over the years, his most treasured accomplishments are the family bonds he and his wife Katrin have managed to maintain despite a rigorous schedule. He is close to his four grown sons and daughter, as well as to his own siblings.

Mr. Speaker, throughout his career, Dr. DeBakey has distinguished himself as a spectacular surgeon and a caring humanitarian to his patients. I command him on his inspiring five decades of service to the Houston Medical community, and I look forward to the med-

ical advances that will continue to emanate from the Methodist DeBakey Heart Center.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHAEL G. OXLEY

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mr. OXLEY. Mr. Speaker, I returned to Ohio yesterday afternoon for the funeral of former Ohio Governor James A. Rhodes, under whom I served as a member of the Ohio House of Representatives. Consequently, I was absent from the House floor during yesterday's rollcall votes on H. Con. Res. 31, H.R. 624, and H. Con. Res. 47. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on each of those bills.

TRIBUTE TO ROGER FONTES

HON. DOUG OSE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OSE. Mr. Speaker, today, all eyes are turned to California and the current electricity crisis. While there are many problems and many causes, it is important that we also take a moment to give credit to the individuals and entities that have helped meet our State's energy needs and helped chart a path out of this current crisis. Roger Fontes is one of those individuals.

For the past 13 years, Mr. Fontes has served as the Assistant General Manager of the Northern California Power Agency (NCPA), a joint action agency that serves the wholesale power needs of 15 public power systems, including the City of Gridley in my District. NCPA has been a shining star within the State, and Roger Fontes has played a critical role in that success. Under Roger's supervision, NCPA constructed geothermal, hydroelectric and gas-fired power plants to meet their communities' needs in a reliable and cost-effective fashion. In the midst of the current crisis, it is worth noting that these municipal utilities are islands of stability. Roger also oversaw NCPA's legislative and regulatory programs, advancing sound energy policies for the consumers and businesses they serve.

Prior to joining NCPA, Mr. Fontes was responsible for state-wide generation and transmission planning at the California Energy Commission. He also worked at the Los Angeles Department of Environmental Quality and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

While Roger is retiring from NCPA, he is not leaving the field. Roger and his family are moving to Orlando, where he will be the general manager of the Florida Municipal Power Agency. We will miss him in California, but are heartened by the knowledge that his sound

public policy counsel will continue to be available. I ask my colleagues to join me in thanking Roger Fontes for his service to California electricity consumers and to with him and his family the best in his future endeavors.

**LOS ANGELES SCHOOL OF
MAKE-UP**

HON. GARY G. MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, March 8, 2001

Mr. GARY MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pleasure that I rise to celebrate the Los Angeles School of Make-Up and their contributions to our community. The Los Angeles School of Make-Up, also known as the Make-Up Designory or MUD, has a strong reputation of supporting education and human rights throughout Southern California.

The founders of the Make-Up Designory Tate P. Holland, John R. Bailey, and Karl E. Zundel, believe that in order to improve their community, one must be an active participant in it. This belief is realized through their involvement in numerous philanthropic activities and educational partnerships.

In addition to serving as educational partners with the Hollywood Entertainment Museum and the Los Angeles County Sheriffs' Juvenile Honors Program, the Make-Up Designory also participates in many local events. Annually, the Make-Up Designory commits to supporting the Kid's Day L.A., KIEV's Special Children's Christmas Program & Party, the Santa Clarita Youth Organization, the Burbank International Children's Film Festival, the Deidre Hall Mother's Day Festival, and the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation Walks. In addition, the Make-Up Designory has actively participated in and donated to many other events, including the CBS "Running Scared" Educational Programs, the March of Dimes, the Revlon Run/Walk, the American Cancer Society Walk, the Mesothelioma Applied Research Fund, the Toluca Lake Lion's Charity, the Toluca Lake Garden Club, and the Charter Oak Elementary School Benefit Silent Auction.

Despite their many commitments, the Make-Up Designory has also found time to work with the Diamond Bar Sister City Program. Their generosity has permitted an orphaned, indigent high school honors student to continue his education, thus gaining the ability to continue the circle of community service. Moreover, the Make-Up Designory has joined the Diamond Bar Sister City Program in sponsoring a foreign exchange student by granting him a full scholarship. As a result of this scholarship, a gifted student will be able to realize his life-long dream of becoming a professional Make-Up Artist, a highly valuable skill-set in Southern California.

Tate P. Holland, John R. Bailey, and Karl E. Zundel continue to demonstrate that when individuals take the time to help others, they

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